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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5431  
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 5212

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR MOPS OAU ET SO  
SUBJ: OAU STYMIED IN OGADEN MEDIATION EFFORTS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 5000

1. DISCUSSING WITH EMBOFFS OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE  
EFFORTS TO MEDIATE ETHIO-SOMALI CONFLICT, OAU POLITICAL  
DEPT HEAD CHIMUKA INDICATED THAT LITTLE HAD BEEN  
DONE TO FOLLOW UP RECOMMENDATIONS DRAWN UP AT LIBREVILLE  
MEETING, DESPITE STRONG INTEREST OF BOTH COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT OBASANJO OF NIGERIA AND OAU PRESIDENT  
BONGO IN DOING SO. LATTER PARTICULARLY TOOK VIEW THAT  
RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT WAS IN FIRST INSTANCE OAU RESPON-  
SIBILITY. BONGO WAS DUBIOUS, EVEN DISAPPROVING, OF  
INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS TO MEDIATE DISPUTE, SUCH AS THAT CUR-  
RENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MALAGASY REPUBLIC. (MALAGASY  
DEL HAS JUST COMPLETED SECOND ROUNDS OF TALKS IN  
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ADDIS, INCLUDING ANOTHER MEETING WITH PMAC CHAIRMAN MEN-  
GISTU ON AUG 27. ALTHOUGH FIGHTING IN OGADEN HAS  
SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT OVER PAST TEN DAYS, ETHIOPIANS SHOW  
NO EVIDENCE OF WILLINGNESS TO MEDIATE, AS LONG AS ENEMY  
IS OCCUPYING ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY.)

2. ACCORDING TO CHIMUKA, OBASANJO WAS ORIGINALLY TO

HAVE APPROACHED BOTH MENGISTU AND SIAD BARRE IN  
ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE JOINT MEETING. ALTERNATIVELY, HE  
PLANNED TO VISIT THEM INDIVIDUALLY IN THEIR CAPITALS.  
THESE PLANS HAD APPARENTLY FOUNDERED ON SOMALIA'S ADA-  
MANT CONTENTION THAT IT IS NOT PARTY TO DISPUTE.  
CHIMUKA ANTICIPATED THAT OBASANJO, BONGO AND ETEKI HAD  
DISCUSSED WHERE TO GO NEXT DURING APARTHEID CONFERENCE  
IN LAGOS. THOUGH NO OPTIMISTIC, CHIMUKA BELIEVED  
THERE WERE USEFUL PINTS THAT COULD BE IRONED OUT, IF  
ONLY TWO PRINCIPALS TO CONFLICT COULD BE BROUGHT TO-  
GETHER, AS HAD BEEN CASE WITH HAILE SELASSIE AND SIAD  
BARRE.  
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